

California Horse Racing Board

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION
TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of January 12, 2021 through January 17, 2021.

Thursday
01/14/2021

(1) DUTY STEWARD

Tom Ward was in the office on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for entries, scratches and changes. The entry process was extremely slow as the earliest the races were drawn was 5:30 pm, while the Sunday program was not finalized until after 8:00 pm. With short fields, changes were virtually non-existent.

Friday
01/15/2021

(1) EARLY DECLERATIONS

1st Race #6 Brio Is Awesome (Not eligible- not examined within 14 days of entry) Refund \$248.00
3rd Race #2 Jet Lag (Vet-injured)
#7 Solar Grace (Vet-unsound) Refund of \$545.73
6th Race #5 Runway One (Vet-unsound) Refund of \$125.80
8th Race #2 Hes Sizzling BB (Not eligible-injection)
#4 Redneck Ryan (Not eligible-injection) Refund of \$195.20

(2) RULING #9

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JOCKEY CESAR FRANCO IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1489 (GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OR REFUSAL OF LICENSE), #1890 (POSSESSION OF CONTRABAND-MARIJUANA AND GLASS PIPE). FURTHERMORE, CESAR FRANCO SHALL SHOW PROOF OF A RECOVERY PROGRAM WITH THE WINNERS FOUNDATION AND SIGN A TEST AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD.

This ruling was issued to finalize Mr. Franco's stipulated agreement with the Board regarding possession of electrical devices and marijuana possession.

(3) RULING #10

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JOCKEY ALBERTO ZEPEDA IS FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (b)(8) (USE OF RIDING CROP –MORE THAN SIX TIMES DURING THE RACE) DURING THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JANUARY 9, 2021.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Zepeda had viewed the eighth race from January 9, 2021, during which he violated the “crop” rule. He accepted responsibility for the infraction.

(4) RULINGS #11 and #12

Ruling #11

JOCKEY RUBEN LOZANO, WHO RODE JLC STEAL YOUR CASH IN THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JANUARY 10, 2021, IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE (3) RACING DAYS (JANUARY 22ND, 23RD, AND 24TH, 2021) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE WHICH RESULTED IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM SECOND TO SIXTH POSITION. THIS CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1699 (RIDING RULES- CARELESS RIDING).

Ruling # 12

JOCKEY RUBEN LOZANO IS FINED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1530 (CASES NOT COVERED BY RULES AND REGULATIONS, LATE TO PADDOCK) AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JANUARY 10, 2021.

These rulings were issued after the rider chose not to come to the office to offer explanations for the violations.

(5) NO PROBLEMS

The evening racing program was conducted in an expeditious manner and was free of problems. Short fields likely helped the situation.

(6) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	0	\$3,686.60
Off track	35	\$6,268.10
Out of state	N/A	\$826,893.99
Total	35	\$836,848.69

Saturday
01/16/2021

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

- 1st Race #3 Belligerent (Vet-sick) Refund of \$162.55
- 2nd Race #4 Stay Legendary (Stewards-poor performance with no subsequent work)
Refund of \$253.36
- 6th Race #6 Joe's Passion (Vet-unsound) Refund of \$58.96
- 7th Race #3 Up For Kids (Vet-injured) Refund of \$84.00
- 8th Race #3 Jess Good Reason (Vet-injured) Refund of \$136.50

(2) NEW PADDOCK JUDGE

Veteran trainer Tom Bazley has joined the Official crew as he will replace George Yniguez, who will be moving over to Santa Anita.

(3) MEDICATION HEARING/RULING

Trainer Valentin Zamudio participated in a hearing via telephone into a complaint filed against him for Phenylbutazone found in his horse, Alacarrera, which had worked for the Official Veterinarian on November 14, 2020. The horse had not started for over twelve months and therefore needed the 5/8th work for the vet.

Mr. Zamudio had no explanation for the findings and accepted the penalty for the violation. The following ruling was issued:

Ruling # 13

TRAINER VALENTIN ZAMUDIO, WHO WORKED THE HORSE ALACARRERA AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2020, IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (a, b & d) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES), #1843.1 (a) (PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES-PHENYLBUTAZONE), AND #1866 (e & f) (VETERINARIAN'S LIST).

(4) QUIET EVENING

All other matters during the course of the racing program were routine.

(5) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	0	\$2,826.50
Off track	70	\$10,091.60
Out of state	N/A	\$905,277.53
Total	70	\$918,195.63

Sunday

01/17/2021

(1) EARLY DECLARATION

- 1st Race #5 Kwikkissme (Vet-injured) Refund of \$89.58
2nd Race #3 Sensorrey (Vet-unsound)
#5 Mongolian Sunrise (Vet-injured) Refund of \$359.88
3rd Race #1 Hydrostatic (Vet-sick)
#2 Seattle Encounter (Vet-sick) Refund of \$196.42
4th Race #1 Shared (Vet-injured) Refund of \$199.64
5th Race #3 Hometownfavorite (Vet-injured) Refund of \$134.01
8th Race #3 Sepertist Dash (Stewards) Refund of \$118.42

(2) JOCKEY OBJECTION-NO CHANGE

The objection sign was posted after the second race as jockey Edgar Payeras (3rd, #5 Fort Lewis Rivers) lodged a claim of foul against Eduard Rojas (2nd, #6 Dream On Brother) for interference at the start. After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing video of the incident, the Stewards unanimously voted to dismiss the objection. While Dream On Brother did break in sharply, Fort Lewis Rivers broke slowly and was not bothered by the second-place finisher.

(3) QUIET EVENING

Aside from the objection, all other matters during the card were routine.

(4) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	0	\$2,164.60
Off track	50	\$9,375.40
Out of state	N/A	\$1,022,302.25
Total	50	\$1,330,842.25

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on January 17, 2021. There were no equine deaths to report this week. During this reporting period, 15 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 4 for soundness, 8 for injury, 2 for sickness, and 1 for shock wave therapy. Thirteen horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward Tom Ward.

2021

SUMMARY

	Wed	Thurs	Fri 01/15	Sat 01/16	Sun 01/17	Week	Meet
Accidents	D		0	0	0	0	1
Cal-Bred Races	A		0	0	0	0	0
Claims	R		2	0	1	3	21
Disqualifications	K		0	0	0	0	0
Inquiries		D	0	0	1	1	8
Refunds		A	4	5	6	15	51
Rulings		Y	4	1	0	5	13
Voided Claims		S	0	0	0	0	1

Stewards' Attendance: Stewards Tom Ward, James Dreyer, Richard Williams, and Safety Steward Paul Atkinson were in attendance during this reporting period.

Tom Ward, Steward

James Dreyer, Steward

Richard Williams, Steward

Paul Atkinson, Safety Steward